QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PARENTS

Last year a temporary rule was established to prohibit smoking anywhere on the school grounds at Wakefield. The school endorsed this position for a number of reasons. Practically everyone agrees that it is desirable to postpone the smoking habit as long as possible. Authorities especially point out that during the period of rapid body growth one should refrain from smoking. When smoking is permitted at school, the social pressure to conform (which teen-age students feel quite keenly) may accelerate the introduction of smoking into the individual's habit pattern. However, it is recognized that social custom in some localities permits smoking by high school students at school and that many parents in our community permit their older teen-age children to smoke at home. Therefore, it has been thought advisable to ask for the opinion of parents before establishing a more permanent ruling at Wakefield.

The fact that Wakefield is a Junion as well as Senior High School, where younger students must be considered in setting patterns of behavior, should be kept in mind.

If smoking were permitted at Wakefield, it would be restricted to a designated area outdoors.

Bearing in mind the above factors in the situation, please check your answers to the following questions. It is IMPORTANT that you express your views on this matter.

1. Should the present rule of no smoking anywhere on the school grounds at Wakefield be continued?
   ( ) yes ( ) no
2. Should smoking by students in the senior class (12th grade) ONLY be permitted in a restricted area on Wakefield school grounds?
   ( ) yes ( ) no
3. Should smoking by all students at the senior high school level be permitted in a restricted area on Wakefield school grounds?
   ( ) yes ( ) no
4. Comments:

(one questionnaire to each family, please)

Grades of your children attending Wakefield

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